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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Carl H. Poppe

Attorney Docket No.: RHE1P004

Application No.: 09/800,264

Examiner: D. Bochna

Filed: March 5, 2001

Group: 3679

Title: TUBE CONNECTION SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

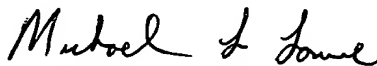
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	55	MINUS	36	19	x 9 =	x 18 = 342.00
Independent Claims	8	MINUS	3	5	x 42 =	x 86 = 430.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	NA
Total					\$	\$772.00

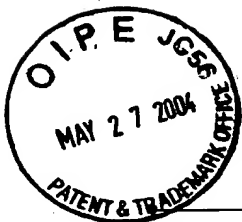
- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. RHE1P004).
- ☒ Enclosed is our Check No. 9103 in the amount of \$772 to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ Please any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. RHE1P004).

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**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, for the above-identified patent application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, 11, 13, 17 21 and 28-30 as follows:

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